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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Saturday, 24th September 1955.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, the Deputy Speaker (SRI B. BHAKTHAVATSALU NAIDU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Bhoodan meetings

*2429 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have instructed the police to report about the proceedings of and speeches made at Bhoodan meetings generally and specially about meetings held during the Bhoodan week between 13th and 18th April 1955?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: No, Sir.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Sir, just after a meeting of this kind, a Police Officer came to me and asked certain details saying that they have been specially instructed to report the proceedings that week. The Minister says, 'No'. May I know whether departmentally, apart from the knowledge of the Minister any instructions have been given?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I do not think so, Sir. But, there are routine instructions that the proceedings of the meetings held at the various places should be reported to the Government so as to keep them informed of what is happening in the various meetings. Apart from that, I do not think any special instructions have been issued with regard to the broodan meetings.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Sometimes, even though there may be ordinary routine instructions, special instructions are issued by way of reminding them. May I know whether the Government had issued special instructions to the police reminding them of their routine duties to report the proceedings especially during the Bhoodan week?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I am not aware of it. Even if there had been a special reminder, there is nothing wrong. Because, we are specially interested in this work and we would very much like to know what the reaction of the public is to this movement.